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Vi är mycket tacksväma för gåvor i form av böcker, tidskrifter o.dyl. med anknytning till UFO-temat, eller för ekonomiska bidrag till vår bokfond.

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Tack - Thanks

AFU vill framföra tack till följande som på olika sätt stött vår verksamhet under 1981:

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Totalt 980:--. Fantastiskt, tycker vi. I samband med resa till London nyligen inköptes litteratur för cirka 930:--. Dessa och övriga inköp se under "Hyförvärv"!

Notiser

FÖRST: OM NYHETSBLADET...

Sent om slider ett nytt nummer. Vi har lovat tre/år, men för att komma i takt med kalenderåret och ekonomin (Rainer vill ha sitt...) blir det bara två under 1981: detta samt en utgåva i nov-dec, hoppas vi. För att göra redigeringen mindre tidskrävande gör vi försök med offset; det blir dyrt, därför måste vi också dra ned på sidantalet. Som kompensaton förminskar vi texten för att få plats med mer på de få sidor vi kan unna oss!! "Kilppkrönikan" försvinner ur nyhetsbladet och dyker i fortsättningen upp i UFO-Sverige-Aktuellt.

EN FIN DONATION FRÅN GICOFF!

Ett verkligt fint tillskott till AFU:s samlingar anlände från Göteborg den 10 maj. Med tillstånd av Sven-Olof Fredrikson och Lolf Nilsson, f.d. aktiva i den numer nedlagda föreningen GICOFF, fick vi möjlighet att, i stort sett, "plocka ut det vi ville ha" ur GICOFFs forna arkiv. GICOFF-donationen är ett oerhört fint bidrag och den integreras nu med AFUs övriga samlingar i den utsträckning vi har tillstånd. Tack alla ni i GICOFF som under åren drog alla dessa strån till stacken!

UFO-SVERIGE STÖDJER AFU

Enligt protokoll från UFO-Sveriges centralgrupps sammanträde den 12 april i år har organisationen beslutat "att till AFU (Arkivet för UFO-forskning) utbetala... upp till 600:--/år som ersättning för de tjänster som AFU tillhandahåller UFO-Sverige". Från AFUs sida ser vi det som viktigt att - med hänsyn till våra trots allt bristande resurser - kunna arbeta tillsammans med andra organisationer, grupper och enskilda för att på så sätt utveckla forskningen och debatten om UFO-frågan.

INBINDNINGAR

I förra numrets lilla medarbetarpresentation glömde vi bort "AFUs bokinbinderska", Märta, som bundit in 100-tals av våra volymer och häften. Våra låntagare vet hur fina dessa inbindningar är och vi vågar knappt avslöja vad hon heter i efternamn, av rädsla för att flera i behov av hållbara inbindningar ska skälla sig till vår kö...

UFO-VITNE UR TIDEN

Som talare vid den allra första av UFO-Sveriges riksstämmor (år 1970) medverkade Gideon Johansson från Tranås. Gideon gav intryck av att vara en redlig människa som upplevt något exceptionellt - en tefatslandning mitt i samhället Mariannelund i Småland. Nu har Gideon - vid månadsskiftet februari/mars - lämnat den jordiska striden. Hans observation har rönt ett starkt intresse inte bara i Sverige. Redan 1967 publicerade Rehn händelsen i APRO Bulletin och sedan har den omskrivits bl.a. i Canada, England och Västtyskland.

NY FORSKNINGSGRUPP FÖR STATISTISKA ANALYSER

En arbetsgrupp för statistiska analyser av närobservationsfall har bildats av ufologer från sex europeiska länder. Medlemmarna i den informella gruppen, European Working Team, kommer att samarbeta för att utveckla gemensam terminologi, metodik och "analytisk strategi" för att få grepp om UFO-fenomenets ev. mönster. I gruppen ingår åtta ufologer från Italien, Spanien, Frankrike, Belgien, England och Sverige. Svensk representant är Anders Liljegren, AFU, som välkomnar väldokumenterade närobservationsfall, framförallt opublicerade sådana, som kan komma att användas i en svensk observationskatalog.

ENGELSKT ARKIV

Manchester-gruppen MAPIT har startat "the MAPIT Resources Center", ett arkiv där man ämnar saml information om UFO-forskningen från världens alla hörn. Man har redan utarbetat omfattande index för sökning i litteraturen och dessa ämnar man nu lagra i en Sinclair ZX-81-dator. Man väddar till alla publicister att skicka gratis. och man har startat en "support fund". Arkivet för UFO-forskning har kontaktat gruppen och positiva kontakter har startats!

Årets avgift till AFU

- vi har fortfarande några stödjande som (förmodar vi) glömt betala in årets minimiavgift. Detta är det sista nyhetsbladet du får, sedan stryker vi dig ur registret! Hittar du ett inbet.kort i tidningen - skynda dig till posten!!

Nyförvärv

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AFUs bokfond

- ett bidrag till denna "försvinner inte i det blå". Pengarna investeras i material som i framtiden kommer svensk forskning och svenskt intresse för UFO-saken till del. Ett material som ofta inte går att anskaffa om några år... Postgirot heter 49 07 14-3, AFU...

Recensioner

EN VÄRDEFULL OCH INTRESSANT UPPSATS

Anders Liljegren

Bertil A.G.Schalén, känd som 'BAGS', har som examensarbete vid psykologilinjen i Lund skrivit uppsatsen "Tefatsfolket - UFO som kultföremål". Schalén odlar sedan tidiga tonår ett brinnande intresse för UFO, SF och okkultism vilket manifesterat sig i ett antal fanzine-liknande halv-allvarliga skrifter, varav "Astrum Argentium Galactica" är den som närmast berör UFO-området. Schalén opererar som en "wallraffare", infiltrerar rörelser han vill studera, lever med i dem, och skriver sedan ner sina "avslöjanden", nu senast om nynazismen i Sverige.

Från att tidigare ha varit intresserad av UFO-fenomenen som sådana har Schalén alltmer svängt till att bli intresserad av människorna omkring fenomenet. Under något års tid har han därför infiltrerat en svensk "UFO-kult"; ett litet gäng starkt troende personer i en mellansvensk stad som - förutom UFO/IFO (interplanetariska flygande objekt) - bl.a. har fredsfrågan på sitt program. Den trakt där "sekten" fötts och hör hemma har en rik tradition på området; folk som rört sig i "utkanten av verkligheten" har länge funnits där.

Genom s.k. total observation (aktivt deltagande - Schalén har bl.a. bott hos gruppen under tolv dagar och haft korrespondens med dess medlemmar) har författaren kunnat studera de psyko-sociala mekanismerna inom den lilla "sekten". Slutsatserna har sedan jämförts med liknande studier i utlandet, t.ex. Festingers bok "When prophecy fails".

Den rörelse Schalén studerat är starkt beroende och dominerad av två ledarinnor. Vad som sägs av dem ifrågasätts sällan. Gruppen har svårt att i längden upprätthålla samarbete med andra liknande rörelser på verklighetens kant. Däremot är den interna sammanhållningen stark - rörelsen fungerar som ett gruppterapeutiskt forum för medlemmarna när de får problem bl.a. i försöken att föra ut sin IFO/fredsfilosofi till en oftast oförstående omvärld.

Schalén har även intervjuat tretton i Skåne verksamma psykologer/blivande psykologer om deras syn på UFO-fenomenen. Dessa var påfallande ointresserade och hade aldrig stött på problemet i den kliniska, dagliga praktiken. UFO-rapportörer skulle dock mycket väl kunna bli klassade som psykiskt sjuka, ansåg man, framförallt om de samtidigt uppvisade andra psykotiska drag...

För mig verkar det besynnerligt att dessa psykologer var så ovetande, då jag ur minnet kan erinra mig minst en handfull fall där svenskar med UFO-observationer kommit i kontakt med psykiatri/psykologin - dock kanske inte i Skåne.

Schaléns arbete är värdefullt då det dokumenterar en del av UFO-fältet som många rynkar på näsan åt. Hoppas att Schalén, och andra, fortsätter på den inslagna vägen.

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KVINNAN FRÅN STJÄRNORNA

Håkan Blomqvist

I ufologins sällsamma värld är skillnaden mellan dikt och verklighet aldrig stor. Den litterärt intresserade kan utan större svårighet finna mängder av romaner med anknytning till vårt ämne. "Kvinnan från stjärnorna" är titeln på ett serlehaft översatt från franskan av Lars Adelskog - för övrigt gammal styrelsemedlem i ufologiska Sällskapet.

Berättelsen tilldrar sig i det forntida Mexico, maya-Indianernas land. Den unge Champacou har från sin lärare Chllam fått överta ämbetet som präst och astrolog. På sin dödsbädd överräcker Chllam en magisk amulett till Champacou. Med den skall också han kunna få kontakt med kvinnan från stjärnorna.

Han följer sin lärares anvisningar och efter en tids vandra får han en natt se ett ljus sänka sig ned i djungeln. Han närmar sig platsen och finner ett landat "rymdskepp" vid en gammal ruin. Han finner också kvinnan som färdats i farkosten. Hon är mycket vacker och besitter magiska krafter.

Det blir åtskilliga "närkontakter" för den unge Champacou, allting skildrat med romantiskt mjukeroliska teckningar. Men medaljen har en baksida. Champacou känner hur älskogsmötena bokstavligen gör honom kraftlös. Kvinnan förklarar det vara "vårt sätt att livnära oss". När hon fått nog med livskraft skall hon vända åter till stjärnorna - men hon skall återkomma.

Under tiden har den övriga stammen anat oråd och ger sig ut för att söka reda på sin präst. De finner honom och kvinnan från stjärnorna flyr i sin farkost. Men Champacou kan inte glömma sin gudinna. Han väntar på hennes återkomst.

Det finns en mycket omfattande litteratur som berör sexuella möten mellan gudar (demoner) och människor (1). Vi finner temat i legender, folktro och den ockulta traditionen. Som bekant är temat inte heller okänt i ufologin. Det klassiska, mycket väldokumenterade fallet är Antonio Villas Boas, bonden från Brasilien, som i oktober 1957 förfördes av en kvinna ombord på ett tefat.

I UFO-litteraturen börjar allt fler fall dyka upp. Kanske har vi här en ny trend att räkna med. Måhända är sexuella kontakter med okända väsen inte så ovanliga som vi föreställer oss. Tanken slog mig för en tid sedan då en kvinnlig bekant (f d ufolog) berättade att hon i flera år levit i ett "förhållande" med en "man" som ibland besökte henne i ett slags halv-materialiserat tillstånd.

Sinnrika förklaringar till dylika upplevelser har presenterats av både psykologer och teologer. Jag har dock svårt att föreställa mig att Villas Boas skulle acceptera förklaringar i stil med dissocierade komplex eller Incubus-demoner. Vi saknar helt enkelt en referensram eller paradigm som kan ge en vettig tolkning av dessa upplevelser. En käck nöt för RFSU att knäcka.

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EXAMENSARBETE OM
UFO OCH MASSMEDIA

Anders Liljegren

I vintras kontaktades AFU av tre tjejer på Journalisthögskolan som entusiastiskt tänkte sig göra ett specialarbete bl.a. om hur UFO-ämnet behandlats av pressen. Man hade valt ut Dagens Nyheter, Göteborgs-Tidningen och Året Runt för att granska journalistiken där. Ur Arkivets samlingar lånade man cirka 250 artiklar som, var och en, analyserades med avseende på form (nyhet/reportage), värde (seriös/ironisk), innehåll (t.ex. om naturliga förklaringar) samt observatör (män eller kvinnor). Totalt har 107 spaltmeter lästs, analyserats och sedan behandlats i dator.

Man fann att ämnet för det mesta behandlats seriöst, ironin förekom ganska sällan, i Året Runt inte alls! GT har genom åren bemödat sig att skriva seriöst, men har ibland frestats till små "knorrar". DN hade flest ironiska kommentarer - under 70-talet innehöll hela 31 % av artiklarna sådan ironi mot ämnet. Observationer som refererades av de tre publikationerna hade i 70 % av fallen gjorts av män.

Flickorna gjorde också en attitydundersökning genom att ringa upp 124 i telefonkatalogen slumpvis valda göteborgare. Svaren analyserades med avseende på kön, ålder, yrke och utbildning. Bara 1/4 trodde fenomenen var utomjordiska (ET), flest var de troende i åldrarna upp till 35 och i kategorin "lägre tjänstemän" och gymnasleutbildade. Högskoleutbildade var mest tveksamma till ET. Hela 53 % av de intervjuade ansåg sig inte behöva mer information om ämnet.

De tre Journalistaspiranterna besökte även FOA, intervjuade folk på Forsvarsstabens, ett par astronomer samt en präst. Arbetet bär naturligtvis spår av att man snabbt försökt närma sig ett oerhört mångfacetterat och svårgräpbart ämne, men kan ändå vara av värde för den forskningsintresserade och efterföljare vid våra högskolor.

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EN NY BIBLIOGRAFI AV WILLY WEGNER

Anders Liljegren

Om dansken Willy Wegners senaste möda - "Dansk UFO-litteratur 1971-1979" är egentligen inte så mycket att skriva, mer än att den är ett välgjort och utförligt arbete. Utan tvekan är detta den bästa skandinaviska bibliografin på UFO-området. Jämfört med Wegners tidigare magnum opus "Dansk UFO-litteratur 1946-1970", uppvisar den här sammanställningen påtagliga förbättringar: varje referens har annoterats (sammanfattats); uppställningen är klarare och mer nedbruten på detaljer som är intressanta för ufologer; registerdelen har kompletterats med ett ämnesregister, något som verkligen saknades i det förra verket.

Bibliografin förtecknar samtliga danska becker under perioden 1950-1980 samt artiklar i dags-, vecko-, och UFO-press under perioden 1971-79. Dansk ufologi har väl av oss svenskar upplevts ligga "två steg före" i vissa avseenden och det är därför värdefullt för oss, t.ex. i Arkivet för UFO-forsknings arbete, att ha detta verktyg som är en söknyckel till värdefulla (och dåliga) danska källor.

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UFO-föreningar, se upp!

Hjälp oss att dokumentera svensk UFO-historia. AFU:s bibliotek arkiverar inte bara böcker, tidskrifter och klipp utan också föreningsmaterial såsom medlemsblad, programblad, stadgar, information till medlemmarna, affischer, verksamhetsberättelser, o.s.v.. Detta kan ha stor betydelse vid framtida forskning om UFO-sakens utveckling. Gör det till en regel att alltid skicka ert material till AFU. Sätt upp oss på ert distributionslista...

Notiser

HELGE-FALLET

Reaktionerna på Helge-fallet (AFU 20) har varit blandade. Några veckor hade gått när ett par brev dök upp från andra sidan Atlanten. En av USA:s sensationsförfattare ville ta med fallet i en av sina kommande böcker. En annan (ö)känd amerikan kontaktade oss och ville skicka över "ett 5-mannagäng med videoutrustning" för att filma intervjuer med Helge och andra inblandade (trots att det klart framgick att mannen ej låter sig intervjuas). Ack ja!

EN GIGANTISK BOKHANDEL I LONDON

Åker du till London och är bokintresserad ska du naturligtvis åka tunnelbanan till stationen Tottenham Court Road. Alldeles i övre delen av bokhandelsgatan Charing Cross Road hittar du världens största bokhandel, sägs det, Foyle's. Enligt uppgift fyra milj. ex. till försäljning på fyra-fem plan i två kvarter. Fantastiskt att se, men standardpriser. Vålförsedd UFO-hylla - cirka 25 meter om UFO/forteana/astroarkeologi. Billiga böcker (t.ex. flotta bildverk och tjocka memoarer) hittar du hos kedjan Booksmith på olika ställen i världsstaden.

DJURMISSHANDEL I ARCANUM...

Med beundran ser vi varje månad hur Arcanum-gänget i Malmö lyckats skönstencilera ytterligare ett läsvärt häfte. Hur orkar dom hålla på? Då och då hittar vi en av våra egna artiklar som lånats till denna "det okända och ockultas tummelplats". En sådan var artikeln om djurmisshandelsfall (AFU 18) som genast gav respons i Arcanums större läsekrets: Hans-Jürgen Richter framkastar (Arcanum, Sept 80) teorin att UFO-besättningarna har ett starkt intresse för just de kroppsdelar hos djur där radioaktiva ämnen ansamlas. Adressen till Arcanum, som vi rekommenderar: Box 13013, 200 44 Malmö 13.

NY BOKHANDEL I STOCKHOLM

Den som vill köpa seriös utländsk litteratur om UFO till sin bokhylla har det onökligen besvärligt, speciellt nu sedan postorderbokhandeln Edista avaktiverats. I storstäderna har dykt upp bokhandlar som sagt sig vilja satsa på UFO, men sortimentet har varit litet och dåligt underhållet. Eftersom vi har många bokmän i läsekretsen har vi länge sökt en bokhandel som vi kunde rekommendera. En sådan tycks ha fötts på Nybrogatan 26 i Stockholm, strax nedanför Östermalmstorg. Bookshop East & West är namnet och innehavarna har lovat oss att ta hem ett rekordligt lager UFO-litteratur. Vi håller tummarna!

AFU NEWSLETTER

Hip, hip, hurrah !

This issue of AFU Newsletter is dedicated to K. Gösta Rehn, "the father of Swedish ufology"; the first serious Swedish UFO scholar; APRO representative for Sweden since 1959; the author of four UFO books in Swedish - some translated into other languages; the only Scandinavian UFO researcher recognized in Encyclopedia of UFOs, etc. On May 22, 1981, Mr. Rehn celebrated his 90th birthday. He still maintains an interest in UFOs, although seriously hampered by a diminishing eyesight. We wish him all the best for his 10th decade!!!

Magazines

NIVFO Bulletin, nr. 1 & 2, 1981. This is a new Norwegian publication, issued by NIVFO, which means: "Norwegian Institute for Scientific Research and Information". Kolbjørn Stenødegård and Gunnar Berthelsen have broken out of Norsk UFO Center to form this "science-oriented" association. First two issues don't show up anything new but would be of interest to people who are not acquainted with international journals. Good quality layout. NIVFO, Postboks 2119, N-7001 Trondheim, Norway. 5 or 6 issues/year, norw.kr. 80:--. /AL

Zetetic Scholar, no. 7. "Livestock mutilations - a national mystery", by Richard H. Hall. A study of 50 mutilation cases for the period 1974-78 plus overview of explanations. "Theories, hypotheses, and speculations on the origins of UFOs", by J. Richard Greenwell. This article which originally appeared in "The Encyclopedia of UFOs" is used as a basis for comment and criticism by 23 ufologists. UFO-theories are constantly changing and so are ufologists. I notice with special interest that avantgarde, new ufologist Jerome Clark classifies his 1975 tome as "a dumb book". Panta rei. As usual excellent bibliographies on various aspects of the paranormal. The editor, Zetetic Scholar, Department of Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, USA. Two issues/year, \$12.00, foreign \$18.00.

Reviews

VEHICLE INTERFERENCES

Anders Liljegren

A recent study of 602 Swedish UFO reports (our SweCat catalogue) has shown that about 25 % of reported observations came from witnesses travelling in some kind of a vehicle (usually a car). Out of these 151 reports only 17 exhibited effects of any kind on car body, engine, headlights, steering or car radio. Only eight of them were direct engine troubles associated with a UFO sighting. The problem of EM interference (or whatever it is...) is thus a minor but still very significant one in the overall puzzle. It has attracted quite a lot of speculation through the years. Few, however, have pondered deeply over the question: Why engine interferences in just 5 % of vehicle reports??

BUFORA, the British UFO Research Association, has made a worthwhile study, titled Vehicle Interference Project. Presented are 420 short case summaries from the international literature. The BUFORA team has recognized the problem of relating interference cases to non-interference reports, but does not manage to draw any implications from it. BUFORA devised a classification scheme where the presented case catalogue only comprises types 3 and 4 (cases of physiological/physical effects, and EM effects), while cases with no secondary effects are overlooked in view of their multitude.

The report concludes with short comments by project team members and there is also a checklist/questionnaire devised to help elicit critical information in this type of cases. This checklist is, I believe, the most valuable part of this study and should be considered by any UFO investigator/research group claiming to be serious.

BUFORA: Vehicle Interference project. / cases compiled by Geoffrey Falla, edited by Charles F. Lockwood & Anthony R. Pace. - London : BUFORA, 1979. - 102 pp., ring-bound.

SOVIET UFO STATISTICS

Anders Liljegrén

Now and then leaks from behind the Iron barrier have indicated that Soviet, and its allies, have their fair share of "UFO hysteria". It comes as much of a surprise, however, to be able to read a new booklet from Center for UFO Studies where three Russian science workers apply their statistical talents to Observations of anomalous atmospheric phenomena in the U.S.S.R. In this book there is absolutely no talk about "flying saucers" - in fact about 1/4 of Soviet observations concern crescent-shaped objects - crescents are twice as many as the discoid shapes in Soviet. (No doubt Jung, Crinspoon and others in the psycho/sociological field would make good comments on that...).

I am impressed with this study of 256 written reports which have all originated via Soviet scientific institutions. The more-than-50-percent share of highly qualified eye witnesses (scientists, pilots, engineers) and the fact that 2/3 of the reports had more than one witness makes this a good sample as compared to some Western studies. Now, statistics is not a popular thing, at least not in Sweden, where people are tired of political gallups and negative figures of balance of commerce. We tend to jump onto the egocentric merry-go-round where there is 90 % joy and 10 % hard labour. Making statistics is in the reverse: 90 % labour and 10 % joy. Reading statistics can be even more tedious, but statistics is one of the very few ways in which UFOs could be scientifically studied. Few sensational things become evident, however.

Soviet data confirms the Vallée times-of-the-day law but also makes a point of comparing hour-by-hour activity to season. "The available data show a seasonal relationship in the observed distribution", they conclude (page 40). This is exactly what I found as I compared data from the north of Sweden to reports from the southern part as seasons change (AFU Newsletter 16, p. 20). In my article then I called for a study of data from the Arctic regions. By way of a concerted effort between Scandinavian, Russian and Canadian researchers maybe we could have it...?

Soviet data has a distinct peak in 1967, when Sweden also experienced its most active UFO-report year ever since 1946. In Sweden peaks were in March/April and October while Soviet had its four months between July and October. British researchers, of course, remember their own October flap. Now the Soviet scientists found, by studying 194 cases from this year (they make up 76 % of the total Russian sample!) that a great majority of the objects flew in an easterly direction as they were observed by Russian witnesses. I am not a great believer in studying directions of UFO flights but it would be interesting to analyze our own (Swedish) -67 reports... Unfortunately, Swedish data from 1967 is very poor. There were no active report-collecting UFO groups at that time so info would have to be taken from the press and from the archives of the Research Institute of National Defence (FOA).

There is much more to be culled from this thorough publication, which I recommend for serious reading.

L.M.Gindilis, D.A.Men'kov & I.G.Petrovskaya: Observations of anomalous atmospheric phenomena in the U.S.S.R., statistical analysis. Results of processing first sample of observational data. - Evanston, Illinois, USA : Center for UFO Studies, June 1980. - 63 pp. - \$4.00 plus \$1.00 postage & handling.

U.R.D. publications

- ▶ Memo A - A contextual description and summary.
18 pp. £0.50 or \$1.00.
- ▶ Memo B - A detailed presentation.
30 pp. £3.00 or \$6.00.
- ▶ Field Investigator's manual.
82 pp. £6.00 or \$12.00.
- ▶ Report no. 1 - displaying the power of the U.R.D. statistical analysis programme - using 50 cases.
107 pp. £7.00 or \$14.00.

All available from: Project U.R.D., P.O.Box 454, S-101 26 Stockholm, Sweden. Cheques or money orders payable to "International U.R.D. Foundation". A sample copy of memo A is enclosed with this issue to all regular, non-Scandinavian receivers of AFU Newsletter.

Reports

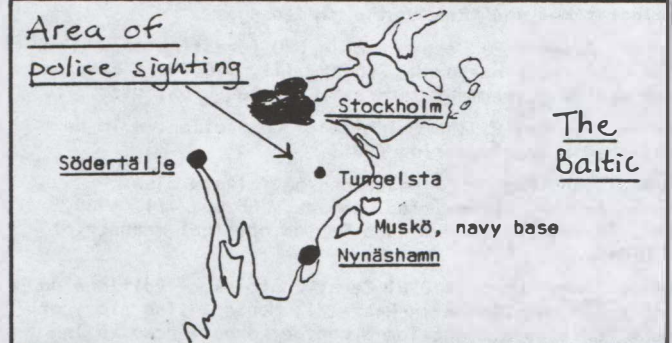
FOUR POLICEMEN PHOTOGRAPH
A CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Stig Aggestad

The author of this report is a journalist and manages the UFO-Sweden report centre.

The following incident took place southeast of Stockholm in the early 70s. One of the witnesses, who is now on police duty at another location in south Sweden, says:

- At the time I was with the police force of Handen, south of Stockholm. Late one evening, in the fall, I received a call from police headquarters requesting me to take part in a search for an old man who had disappeared. I joined in and after a briefing with the search command we left for the terrain near Tangelsta, 20 km east of Södertälje. This area has a narrow net of small roads. With a colleague I drove slowly through the district. After a while we rendezvoused with another police car at a crossroads and all four of us got out of the vehicles to stretch our legs for a while.



- Standing there we suddenly see a powerful light-source between the tree-trunks. A strongly brilliant object comes gliding at a low level, finally to stop at a distance. The object - which was discoid - radiated an enormously strong white light which lit up all of our surroundings. I could almost see every needle on the trees although it was a dark October night! The air around the luminous disc trembled and steamed as if the object was heated.

For how long we stood there, completely paralyzed, I don't know. Suddenly, however, one of my comrades regained his self-command, stretched his hand through the side-window and put on the roof search-light. At the very same moment the object started to move. Slowly it tilted on its edge and now we could clearly see the metallic structure of its surface. The disc was about 20 meters in diameter. Then it slowly glided over a nearby field.

- Another of my colleagues broke out of his paralysis, threw himself into the car and took out the camera which is a standard equipment in all our cars. He ran after the object a while and then took several pictures in close sequence. A while later the object disappeared out of view. The October darkness was once more with us.

- Excited we contacted - on our communication radio - the Handen headquarters and informed them about our sighting. Police HQ, in turn, contacted the military since the area is crammed with defence installations like the Navy base on the Muskö Island. We were ordered back to the station to report on what had happened.

So far the words of our anonymous witness. But the following facts remain to be told:

The film was developed but according to the policeman it was totally destroyed. This, of course, would be quite natural since the object was so brilliant. But the fact that none of the four men were allowed to view the developed film make room for other theories. According to police management the UFO had not been registered on military radar scopes.

We are left with cold facts: Four policemen watch an unidentified object at very close quarters. For quite a considerable time they are permitted to examine the phenomenon, but can't explain what they see. And, finally, their superiors ask them to keep silent, an order none of the policemen dare break even today. Although there

have been recent contacts between the four they have not become united as to coming out of anonymity.

The old man was found in good health later in the night. His disappearance had nothing whatsoever to do with the UFO.

Source: UFO-Sverige-Aktuellt, nr 1, 1981 (volume 2), pages 19-20.

New books

Notes from the International UFO book market.

Bord, Janet & Collin: Are we being watched? - Angus & Robertson, expected Febr. 1981. £3.95.

Devereux, Paul: Earth energies and UFOs: An investigation of the Thor factor. - Turnstone Press, expected fall 1980.

Däniken, Erich von: Reise nach Kirlibatl. - Econ Verlag, Düsseldorf/Wien, 1981. 336 pp., ill. DM 29.80. (von Dänikens 10th book on ancient mysteries).

Ertelt, Axel; Flebag, Johannes; Flebag, Peter & Sachmann, Hans-Werner: Die kosmischen Eingewächten. - H.W. Sachmann, Emsinghofstr. 35, D-4600 Dortmund 15, West Germany, March 1980, 190 pp. ill. (An anthology on contacts with ETs in ancient times and through the middle ages).

Fowler, Raymond E: Casebook of a UFO Investigator. - Prentice-Hall Inc., hardback, 246 pp, ill, \$10.95. ("Examines clandestine government interest, crashed UFOs, etc...").

Fowler, Raymond E: The Melchizedek Connection. - To be published probably during 1981.

Frederiksen, Poul M: Videnskaben og folkets djne. - Mønnes forlag, Fredericia, Denmark, 268 pp, ill, 1980, D.kr. 78:--. (A broad-minded Danish original-manuscript on UFOs).

Guleu, Jimmy: Contact OVNI Cergy-Pontoise. - Editions du Rocher, 28 rue Cte Felix-Gastaldi, Monaco. (The story of Frank Fontaine's abduction & contact experiences as investigated by Guleu and other members of "IMSA").

Hedin, Finnvald: The Thorlans. - Vantage Press Inc, 516 West 34th Str., New York, NY 10001, hardback, \$6.50. (Ancient visitations from the planet Thor, claimed to have been what now remains as the asteroid belt. Thor was destroyed by a nuclear explosion, it is claimed).

Killey, Kevin & Lester, Gary: The Devil's Meridian. - Lester-Townsend Publishing, Sydney, Australia, 1980, paperback, 228 pp, Austr-\$4.95. (The Bass Strait, where Valentich disappeared, is claimed to be another Devil's triangle...)

Klarer, Elisabeth: Beyond the light barrier. - Howard and Timmins, Pretoria, S.Africa, 191 pp, ill, DM 30:-- order from: Ventia Verlag, D-6200 Wiesbaden 13, West Germany. (First English edition of Klarer...)

Kusche, Larry: The disappearance of Flight 19. - Harper & Row, New York, 1980, 211 pp., \$12.95. (The 1945 disappearance of six aircraft investigated and found to have natural explanations).

Meckelburg, Ernst: Besucher aus der Zukunft. Durch die Mauer der Zeit in die vierte Dimension. - Scherz-Verlag, München, 1980, 300 pp., ill, DM 32.00. (A book that theorizes UFOs as time travellers - temponauts).

Owen, Dr. Nancy H: Preliminary Analysis of the Impact of Livestock Mutilations on Rural Arkansas Community. - Grant from Arkansas Endowment for the Humanities, University Tower Bldg, Suite 1019, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204, USA, 31 pp.

Pinvidic, Thierry: Le noeud gordien ou la fantastique histoire des OVNI. - Ed. France-Empire, France. (The Gordian knot - a new French study by 23-year-old Pinvidic, director of Project Magonia - a computerized socio-psychological programme for studying human reactions to UFO phenomena).

Prytz, John: Information storage and retrieval for ufologists. - ACUFOS, PO Box 546, Gosford, NSW 2250, Australia, 52 pp., Austr-\$5.00. (Describes an info-retrieval system based on card catalogues with "multi-approach" facets).

Psychic & UFO revelations in the last days. Tomorrow Entprises, 303 Fifth Ave, Suite T306, New York, NY 10016, \$9.95. ("Contributors include Brad & Francis Stelger, Mark Age and the space being known as Ashtar"...)

Randles, Jenny & Whetnall, Paul: Window on another world. - Neville Spearman, May 1981, 224 pp, ill, £5.75. (A study of the window phenomenon centering on phenomena experienced by the Sunderland family of North Wales).

Reeken, Dieter von: Extraterrestrische Intelligenzen. 1947-1979, Bibliographie. - From: GEP, Postfach 2361, D-5880 Lüdenscheid, West Germany, 57 pp, ill., DM 8.80 plus postage. (A very good German bibliography of UFO literature published in Germany, 226 books in all).

Report on unidentified aerial phenomena. - From the French Institute of Advanced Studies of National Defence (IHEDN). Written in 1977. From CUFOS, PO Box 1402, Evanston, Ill. 60204, \$4.00. ("An internal governmental evaluation of the UFO phenomenon"...).

Rommel, Kenneth M, Jr: Operation Animal Mutilation. Report of the District Attorney, State of New Mexico. - Office of the District Attorney, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, June 1980. 300+ pages, ill. (The "official" report on cattle mutilations, ill. by photos).

Rutledge, Harley D: Project Identification. - Prentice-Hall in Reward paperback, expected April 1981. (Rutledge is wellknown for his inv. of the Piedmont phenomena).

Sigma, Rho: Ether technology. A rational approach to gravity control. - Tarnehl Press, PO Box 7, Lakemont, George 30552, USA, \$5.75.

Teerikorpi, Pekka & Kyröläinen, Juhanni: UFOjen arvotus. (The UFO enigma). A study by two Finnish astrophysics scientists, details unknown.

Wildman (Fortean Times Occasional Paper no. 1). - FT, c/o DTWAGE, 9-12 St. Anne's Court, London W1, 24 pp, ill., £1.00 or \$2.50. (A compendium of three articles on Chinese reports of "Bigfoot" creatures observed in Red China).

VonKeviczky, Colman: Project Wasa (World Authority for Spatial Affairs). - ICUFON Archives Inc, 35-40 75th Str., Suite 4G, Jackson Heights, NY 11372, ill., \$27.50. (A book which - it is claimed - exposes the UFO secrecy and conspiracy).

CUFOS Symposium

The second CUFOS symposium will take place on Sept. 25-27, 1981 at the Midlands Hotel in Chicago, USA. Scheduled speakers include Alvin Lawson, Ron Westrum, Donald Johnson, J. Gordon Melton, Bruce Maccabee and, from Sweden, Bertil Kulemann, who will present the URD computerization project. (The first CUFOS symposium was held in 1976. Swedish readers might consult AFU Newsletter 13 for a review of the proceedings).

SWEDISH LAKE MONSTERS, NEW REPORTS

Every summer a lake monster is reportedly observed at the lake Storsjön in north Sweden. This is the first 1981 report, from Dagens Nyheter, July 26:

- On June 11, I was fishing from the shore in the company of my son, says Sven Engström. Some 300 metres in front of us there suddenly came three black objects rolling in a line, in the water. They were roundish at the top and there was almost one meter between each of them. There was a backwash behind them. A couple of minutes later they disappeared into the water. The phenomenon was also observed by my son.

Another monster was reportedly observed on two days in succession on the lake Torne träsk in the extreme north of Lapland. Anton Stöckel, 64 years old, said to Expressen (June 25, 1981):

- We were in a boat on the Lattila bay. My grandson was with me. Suddenly he called out: Grandfather, what's that? I spotted ripples on the surface, then something black rose out of the water. It was the Torne träsk monster! I hadn't the time to reach for my rifle, but if I had had I would have given it a try. But rifle shots probably don't bite on that one... My father saw the monster 60 years ago, I remember him telling me. The description is exactly the same. I was a sceptic before, but now all doubts are gone.

The Torne träsk monster is a kind animal, which does not turn boats upside-down or attack people. There has been talk for a very long time about this monster. The people living at Lattila now keep a constant watch, equipped with cameras. All those who believe the tradition is just nonsense will get their lesson...

THE LONDON CONFERENCE

by Anders Liljegren

This article also appears, in Swedish, in UFO-Sverige-Aktuellt, issue no. 3, 1981, published by UFO-Sverige, Box 175, 733 00 Sala.

More than 400 ufologists from Britain and eleven other countries assembled on May 24-25 at the Mount Royal Hotel in London for the "Second International UFO Congress". Organizer was the British national group BUFORA (British UFO Research Ass.) in cooperation with the Grand Metropolitan hotel chain. This well-organized conference was a follow-up on an earlier congress held in the metropolis in August 1979. In connection with the two days the international coordination efforts - which have taken the form of an international committee, PICUR - were continued.

As for the outward appearance this congress had much in common with the UFO-Sweden yearly national conferences, but it also gave signs of the much wider intellectual quality of British ufology. The British have that well-known magazine Flying Saucer Review plus two significant groups. BUFORA is, of course, the traditional "down-to-earth" organization which has managed to tie in many qualified people to its leadership which has created a good reputation. The Investigators Network is the other important group today; a more informal chain of some 50 field investigators doing an ambitious and important field work.

Now and then I have seen, in the many British magazines - there are many small, but important mags put out by different local groups - representatives of these main parties in rather open-minded debates, particularly concerning the importance - or not - of considering psychic aspects of the phenomenon. One would expect (from a Scandinavian viewpoint) these people to be "like cats and dogs". On the contrary, here we found all shadings and views in a mutual and friendly discussion...possibly a sign of the good-natured British character...? The breadth and quality in British ufology - as compared to Sweden - of course has one or two "natural" explanations: On an area of about half of Sweden's lives 6-7 times as many people, who have had no language difficulties in grasping the important American literature.

Bob Digby from BUFORA sat a serious tone with the first contribution titled: "Are you sure you have your facts right?". A balanced audio-visual presentation with a frightening example of how not to interview a witness. Digby pointed to the dangers of the "destructive industry" which grows strong at the outer limits of ufology: sensation mongers who publish mayflies without the least responsibility. What we need, he said, are refereed journals; journals that only publish contributions passed on by a scientific panel of knowledgeable reviewers.

Some periodicals of that kind have appeared during the last few years. In "UFO-Sverige-Aktuellt" (v. 2 n. 1) I reviewed two of that kind: Journal of UFO Studies and Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena. A group of Italians have, since 1976, brought out a third such journal: UFO Phenomena, International Annual Review (I). At the congress its editor Francesco Izzo was awarded a prize by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, chairman of the (American) Fund for UFO Research. Justification of this prize was that UFO Phenomena is considered "the first scientific UFO journal in the world".

Congress chairman Leslie Bayer, who handled the arrangement with a stoical composure, then presented the acting chairman of BUFORA, Lord Kings-Norton. This man has a versatile past, for instance as the chief of British air defence during the years following WWII. The Lord's opening speech gave the traditional picture of the open-minded sceptic: "We are not unique, the ET hypotheses is highly probable". In tradition-bound England it seems to be a necessity for a serious group to have a Lord as its chairman.

Next contribution was Swedish. Bertil Kuhlemann, chairman of Project U.R.D., reviewed the philosophy behind the project under the headline "The link between the investigator and the scientist". Ufology should work towards acceptance by mainstream science. One important step would be the creation of an international UFO federation, whose aim would be to gain membership of ICSU, the International Council of Science Unions. UFO phenomena ought to be studied by applying an international "common data base" and data should continuously be fed into computers. U.R.D. works hard to "mar-

ket" themselves internationally and to be accepted by the PICUR committee. At the conference several printed papers were distributed and sold - presentations in English. Mr. Kuhlemann will go to the Center for UFO Studies conference in Chicago this September to make another presentation of Project U.R.D..

Charles Bowen, the editor of Flying Saucer Review, thought he had seen a recession in UFO reports during the last years. This is strange in view of certain psycho/sociologists theories of UFO sightings as being only the signs of an increased "world stress" in times of disturbances and wars, as we now see. Bowen pointed, in his talk, to the many absurdities of the phenomenon and got the public laughing by telling some of the real pearls of that genre! Some articles, published in his early editorship of FSR, had aroused his suspicions about the ET theory: an examination, by Jerome Clark, of the 1897 airship wave; and a contact claim from Whidby Island, where a witness had seen a UFO shrink out of view, instead of moving towards the horizon.

One of the healthy signs in now-time ufology is that sceptics are attracted even to the UFO organizations. One such "open-minded sceptic" is Stuart Campbell from BUFORA's Edinburgh unit. He presented his investigation of the Robert Taylor case, a Scotsman who was "attacked" by two spiked, spheric objects. Campbell thought the case was reliable, had a high degree of strangeness, but the explanation was to be found among the rare phenomena of black (non-luminous) ball lightning! Theorists think these exist, but Congress chairman Bayer couldn't help exclaiming his doubts on that issue.

The first day terminated with a discussion on the theme "Psychic Phenomena and UFO's" introduced by Hilary Evans, member of the (British) Society for Psychical Research. "How can anyone even doubt a connection between UFOs and psychic phenomena?" was Evans rather controversial question to the public. Jan Fjellander, chairman of the Stockholm "Society for psychobiophysics" agreed as he told the audience about his experiences while investigating phenomena surrounding Uri Geller and Friedrich Jürgensson. The engaged style of Fjellander's contribution was appreciated by the audience, in any case those who see the "phenomenological" connection Evans and Fjellander gave voice to. Opposition from the audience towards the psychic theory

was remarkably weak. It was generally thought to be important that investigators seek knowledge about psychological and psychic phenomena. Alwin Lawson's research on "false abductions" was regarded as a model (as opposed to what was recently stated in a Swedish magazine..). Hypnosis can bring out interesting research material but it is very naive to believe that the method produces matter-of-fact "evidences", especially when attempted by persons who lack a clinical experience.

The Monday, which somewhat surprised us Swedes as being a holiday, started off with discussion groups on four different themes. Myself, I listened in to a very productive debate led by Jenny Randles. In England researchers have formulated a proposal for an "ethical code for UFO researchers", and this was discussed. The proposal gives summary guide lines on how to act towards witnesses, the general public and fellow ufologists. The code of honour e.g. bans the use of hypnosis without the witness's consent and recommends that all investigations be carried out in close cooperation between at least two persons. Field investigators who agree with the code are put on a list of recommended researchers. In time one hopes that - via PICUR - this idea will be discussed and accepted throughout the world.

One of the most valued contributions, despite language difficulties, was the report by Portuguese Joaquim Fernandez on local investigations of the visions at Fatima in 1915-17. October last year (1980) Portugal saw the publication of a book - now in its third reprint - which for the first time puts these incidents in a "ufological" context. This book has met heavy criticism from the Catholic church where one doesn't like one of its taboos placed in any other context than the religious-visionary one.

The book was constructed from hundreds of previous scripts and documents on contemporary investigations. "Virgin Mary" is revealed as a rather typical ufonaut: 110 cm tall (short), the looks of a 10-year old child, closefitting dress, hair to her shoulders, and holding a luminous ball in her hands. Maria is projected in a cone-shaped beam from a hovering object. The third prophecy from this mysterious woman was opened by the pope in 1960 but has not been released. Rumours say it contains prophecies concerning the dark future of the Catholic church.

From Fatima to black holes. Radio astronomer Nigel Henbest, well-known from the columns of New Scientist, reported on current theories on these unbelievable - but scientifically recognized - phenomena. To travel through a black hole would be theoretically fascinating but impossible. The powerful X-ray radiation emitted would destroy all materia approaching these points in space, which are believed (to me it is a "belief") to lead to other universes or dimensions.

Dr. David Haisell, Canadian ufologist and editor of the good news-magazine Journal UFO (2) then gave a short report of the PICUR work. (PICUR = Provisional International Committee on UFO Research). The work is now directed towards: a) a common data base for statistical studies (this is where the Swedish U.R.D. stand a good chance of being accepted...) and b) developing techniques and instructions for field investigators. The Committee now publishes its own newsletter, UFO International (3), where Bertil Kuhlmann was appointed as new editor. PICUR will continue as "provisional" in view of the limited number of countries and groups now participating. It is hoped for an increased international commitment.

Dr. Bruce Maccabee, optical researcher with the U.S. Navy, is one of the scientists most committed to the UFO problem, for example as chairman of Fund for UFO Research. This fund has money reserved to be immediately dispatched to researchers who need economical support for analyses of trace samples in connection with a UFO landing.

Maccabee gave the conference a detailed, slide-illustrated presentation of the so called New Zealand case, where unknown lights were filmed from an airplane on Dec 30, 1978. Maccabee has made a thorough on-spot investigation and photographic analysis of the Crockett film and was able to attest the strangeness of the case. He also spoke of new investigations he made on the 1950 Trent/McMinnville photos. The new evidence in this case also speak of authenticity.

Maccabee's detailed, technical speech gave rise to some snoring and "dropping heads" among the less motivated part of the audience, who woke up, however, when the speaker started a recitation from "The Roswell Incident" (4), which concerns claimed findings of wreckage after a 1947 UFO crash. Maccabee's promotion of

Berlitz' latest book was a surprise to me. Berlitz' rather tarnished reputation has possibly caused the relatively lukewarm reception of his latest opus by international reviewers...?

Difficulties in using the English language, and lack of time, made the French speech by Philippe Schnyder on "the Isocelie theory" rather hard to grasp. Some Frenchmen have analysed the geographical distribution of 56 landing cases, all from 1954. They found that the landing spots form a pattern of isosceles triangles, no less than 1.800! The chances of such a pattern is utterly small, if the phenomena are not intelligently controlled. Personally I find it a rather absurd theory that UFO phenomena would be "programmed" in such a way, but what isn't absurd in the field of UFOs...? The theory is fully set out in a French book to be published this summer, but the French official GEPAN group has already counteredd by publishing a study where they conclude that the theory is not statistically significant. (5).

Last among the speakers was David Haisell who returned with a summary of Canada's UFO history, stressing the importance of Wilbert B. Smith's research under the official project names Magnet and Second Storey. Project Magnet was discontinued only two days after the first lucky magnetometer registration of - what one believed was - a bypassing phenomena of unknown origin. Smith was a pathfinder in Canadian ufology. After losing government financing he continued privately until his death in 1962. Smith's son has said that mini-UFOs ("telemetric discs") often were seen in the vicinity of his father.

Another central name in Canadian ufology was Steve Michalak. In 1967 he was radiation poisoned after touching a landed UFO. The case created many explanation problems for the government and was finally debated in the parliament where - in a way quite usual in politics - it was swept under the carpet. Later on, policemen watched unidentified aerial phenomena hovering over the parliament building and the prime minister's residence...

To sum up, the London conference offered a matter-of-fact programme. With the exception of black holes there were no extravagant deviations from the subject, which often occurs at other, similar conferences. The conference fee was rather heavy, but was also a safety guard against the "outer limits ufologists", I imagine. The audience

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